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1. Action internationale pour la paix et le développement dans la région des Grands Lacs

Special, 2005

Introduction

Action internationale pour la paix et le développement dans la région des Grands Lacs is a non-governmental organization (NGO) committed to promoting peace and stemming the multiple cycles of violence in the 14 member States of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region through concerted action.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Pursuant to article 4 of its statute, the organization aims to seek ways and means to reconcile the imperatives of peace and development to improve the living conditions of the people of the Great Lakes region, through socioeconomic activities in urban, preurban and rural areas.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization has joined the Pan-African Coalition for Peace, Security and African Integration, an informal platform of NGOs with the goal of defending political alternation in Africa and promoting democracy.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization cooperates with Swiss civil society, including the informal platform of Swiss NGOs on the Great Lakes region, the Action de Développement Suisse-Afrique association and Swissprod, an industrial and economic platform specializing in the establishment of state-of-the-art vocational and technical industrial schools in Angola, Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

From January 2013 to September 2016, the organization participated in all the main activities and sessions of the United Nations, including those related to human rights, the universal periodic review of States, the environment and all meetings related to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Cooperation with the United Nations is through the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the United Nations Joint Human Rights Office in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The organization also cooperates with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on the situation of refugees in North Africa.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

The organization is firmly committed to promoting the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), particularly in such areas as violations of the rights of women, rape as a weapon of war, restriction of democracy, peace, security, respect for individual freedoms, health and the environment.

2. Action solidaire pour un développement entretenu à la base

Special, 2013

Introduction

Action solidaire pour un développement entretenu à la base was granted special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council in 2013. This recognition is the result of its efforts to improve the living conditions of vulnerable populations, which it has unfailingly deployed since its establishment in 1996. Since this recognition, the organization has consistently strengthened its achievements and constantly improved its work to reduce the poverty that affects many people around the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to contribute to the promotion of comprehensive and participatory development in grass-roots and urban communities. Its objectives are to work for the protection and promotion of the rights of women and children; to promote the health of women and children,; to prevent HIV/AIDS and community health problems in general; to initiate and promote development projects aimed at training, job creation and the socioeconomic integration of the population; to promote women's cooperatives for collective action in the areas of development, savings and credit; to support social, humanitarian, development and agropastoral projects and to implement programmes for the protection of the environment; and to foster South-South and North-South cooperation.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization did not participate directly in the work of the United Nations owing to a lack of means. However, it has always taken the various resolutions emanating from its work into account as it implements programmes and projects in the field. Communities have been constantly informed of the great progress made in issues related to poverty and the elderly, ensuring their participation in responsible and well-supported community actions geared to improving their living conditions.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the fifty-eighth Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York, United States, from 10 to 21 March 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The organization worked on projects implemented in Togo by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to combat sexually transmitted infections, malaria and tuberculosis, as well as projects related to grass-roots development. The organization also worked with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to intensify efforts to combat sexually transmitted infections and HIV/AIDS in rural areas of Togo during the period.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

The organization has engaged in several activities during the four-year period that are fully geared towards the achievement of the MDGs. These are projects benefiting women, children and people in general, as detailed below:

- Thanks to the support of its partner, Orphelin Sida International, support for the enrolment of over 250 AIDS orphans in Togo each year, paying school fees and covering school supplies, food and medical support worth more than CFAF 15,000,000 each year;
- Thanks to the support of the Japanese embassy in Togo, construction and outfitting with medical equipment of a health centre in Kpémé to bring medical care to the people and to curb deaths resulting from a lack of appropriate care, especially among pregnant women during delivery;
- Ongoing programme of training in new information technologies for orphans that annually graduates 16 youths (8 girls and 8 boys) in web technologies, with financial support from Orphelin Sida International, France;
- Ongoing campaign against HIV/AIDS, early pregnancy and child trafficking and exploitation. The organization works in the areas of women's capacity-building and empowerment and youth employment by each year supporting around a dozen youths in the creation of microenterprises. It supports around a dozen villages with information and participatory capacity-building and has supported the revitalization of 10 village development committees, taking into account gender equality and the roles and responsibilities of the members.

3. African Artists for Development

Special, 2013

Introduction

Established in 2009 to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the African Artists for Development endowment fund links community development projects and contemporary African artists. It develops, supports and finances development projects in sub-Saharan Africa by associating each project with the engagement of contemporary African artists to form progressive partnerships capable of generating sustainable economic, social and societal development, well-being and better lives.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to support local development initiatives in sub-Saharan Africa that have a lasting economic, social and societal impact through artistic and cultural projects; to enable and enhance contemporary artistic creations associated with initiatives supported by the organization; and to create development synergies by means of partnerships with international and cultural institutions.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Refugees on the Move programme, established in 2011 in Chad, the Central African Republic, Burundi, Burkina Faso and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, uses dance as a tool for social and cultural awareness in refugee camps.

Choreographers conduct dance workshops with refugees, gathered around a common objective: achieving personal and community well-being through dance. The Township Orchestra offers music classes for young people from a deprived neighbourhood of Cape Town, South Africa. Making music in a group is one way to involve these young people in a learning process. Operation Prevention and the Testing Rap were launched in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in 2009 to combat HIV/AIDS. The collaboration with the SOS-AIDS association gave birth to the Diamants de Kamituga (Kamituga Diamonds), a comic strip conveying prevention messages. Testing numbers rose after 250.000 copies were distributed free of charge.

The programme "Les Belles Bibliothèques" (Beautiful Libraries) helps to combat illiteracy. The first library, opened in Cotonou, Benin, was visited by over 25,000 readers in its first year of operation.

The sinking of three wells as part of the Women for Water programme guarantees Makwacha village, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, uninterrupted access to drinking water.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the tenth session of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances, under the auspices of OHCHR, to examine the reports of Burkina Faso, Kazakhstan and Tunisia, held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 7 to 18 March 2016.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The Refugees on the Move programme, present in five countries in sub-Saharan Africa, is implemented in the camps of UNHCR. The whole process is conducted in close collaboration with the Office. The programmes carried out in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in conjunction with the SOS-AIDS association include collaboration with the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to deliver comics and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) for the distribution of school kits to children with HIV/AIDS.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

In response to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3, the organization has developed three programmes to combat HIV/AIDS in the Democratic Republic of the Congo — Operation Prevention, the Testing Rap and Les Bulles de Bukavu (the Bukavu Comic) — launching awareness-raising campaigns and encouraging testing. The first "Beautiful Library", opened in Cotonou in 2012, contributes to SDGs 4 and 5 with knowledge. "Township Orchestra" contributes to SDG 4. "Refugees on the Move" contributes, inter alia, to SDGs 3 and 5 by working with women and men of all ages and communities collectively.

4. African Women's Association

Special, 2005

Introduction

The African Women's Association is an NGO recognized by the Government of Cameroon and the United Nations Economic and Social Council. Founded in Cameroon, it registered its name with the African Intellectual Property Organization. It was founded by a group of young visionary African women.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to combat poverty, promote the rights of women and children and empower young women who have dropped out of school and rural women's groups.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

For the organization, contributions to the work of the United Nations are considered just as important as they are mandatory.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participates at each annual session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York, United States. It participates in all events organized by the United Nations and its subsidiary bodies.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The organization works with most of the bodies in the United Nations system: UNDP, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), UNHCR, International Labour Office, UNICEF and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goal

The organization arranges annual community health days for orphans and vulnerable children, as well as for relocated family groups. It also organizes school holidays in various towns and villages in Cameroon.

5. Agence internationale pour le développement

General, 2001

Introduction

The Agence internationale pour le développement (AIDE), established in 1986, is an NGO that focuses on humanitarian action and development assistance.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Its goal is to work for the benefit of all impoverished persons and to combat all forms of discrimination, to take action to strengthen respect for human rights and democracy, to provide food and clothing to needy individuals and to participate in campaigns to combat poverty, racism and exclusion.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AIDE organized the following side events at meetings of the Human Rights Council at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland:

- Twenty-fourth session: Women and Children's Rights in Conflict Zones, 12 September 2013;

- Twenty-fifth session: Right to Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Movement, 11 March 2014;
- Twenty-sixth session: Impunity and Human Rights, 20 June 2014;
- Twenty-seventh session: United Nations Resolutions and Conflicts, 19 September 2014; Millennium Development Goals and Human Rights, 17 September 2014; Human Rights in the Middle East and North Africa, 16 September 2014;
- Twenty-eighth session: Freedom of Religion, 15 March 2015; Right to Education and Freedom of Expression in Conflict Zones, 16 March 2015; Report of the Anti-Fraud Office of the European Commission concerning major diversions of humanitarian aid funding, 18 March 2015;
- Twenty-ninth session: Session of the Human Rights Council on "Impunity: Impact on Women and Children", 26 June 2015; Impunity: Human rights of refugees and migrants, 25 June 2015;
- Thirtieth session: Impunity and Human Rights, 16 September 2015;
- Thirty-first session: Session of the Human Rights Council on "Freedom of Assembly", 18 March 2016; Impartiality and Human Rights, 17 March 2016;
- Thirty-second session: Session of the Human Rights Council on "Freedom of Assembly", 18 March 2016; Trends in Development and Human Rights in Morocco, 21 June 2016; Human Rights and the Death Penalty, 23 June 2016.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has participated in all the plenary meetings of the Human Rights Council, as well as in its Social Forum, held from 1 to 3 April 2014, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AIDE works with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), as well as with the International Organization for Migration.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

The Fédération des Agences Internationales pour le Développement organizes annual campaigns to combat poverty, insecurity and all forms of discrimination.

Thanks to its activities in Paris, France:

- 14,172 families have received food and clothing;
- 823 persons have received basic training;
- 4,524 persons have been helped to prepare their tax returns;
- 9,321 persons have received assistance with completing the application form for government medical aid;
- 3,842 people have been helped to open a bank account; and
- 195 persons have received help with their immigration status.

In Morocco, the Fédération des Agences Internationales pour le Développement oversaw the distribution of 453 tons of food and clothing for families or individuals living in highly insecure conditions. It established a shelter for older persons, and a day-care centre for migrants in Rabat-Salé-Kénitra, where it takes care of immigrants in both regular and irregular status.

6. Amis des étrangers au Togo

Special, 2013

Introduction

Amis des étrangers au Togo (ADET) (Friends of foreigners in Togo) was granted consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations in 2013.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The NGO is active in the areas of social development, economic development and environmental development (the three pillars of sustainable development) and the advancement of women; its work is of international scope.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ADET is part of the United Nations work team for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. ADET has been invited to important international meetings and conferences, such as the sixty-sixth Annual Conference of the Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations, which took place from 30 May to1 June 2016. It was also invited to the fourteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, held in Kenya; a conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), in Ottawa, Canada, on 14 December 2016; a meeting of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for South-South cooperation; and the C 20, held in Turkey on 15–16 September 2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ADET has participated in numerous United Nations meetings, in person as well as online and via social media, on topics including:

- Multilateral institutions and their engagement with civil society;
- Response to the questionnaire on housing and urbanization;
- Women and genital mutilation;
- Albinism and human rights;
- Peace, poverty and sustainable development;
- Journalists and human rights;
- Human rights education;
- Discrimination against women;
- Wrongful arrests;
- Sport and the Olympic Games;
- Digital communication and private law;
- The promotion of democracy and equitable international order;
- Boko Haram;

- Energy and climate change;
- Disasters, security, loss and destruction;
- Protection of the environment;
- Business and human rights;
- Finance for addressing climate change and networks for climate action;
- Amending the sustainable development report;
- Amending sustainable development financing systems;
- Natural resources and the rights of assembly and freedom of association;
- Group work on the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the Sustainable Development Goals;
- Structures for monitoring and evaluating implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals;
- Gender and discrimination against women;
- Racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia;
- Financing of development goals;
- Protection of the environment;
- Women and the Sustainable Development Goals;
- Natural resources and the rights of peaceful assembly and freedom of association; and
- Questionnaires on citizen engagement for development.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The upkeep 2015, the NGO received the most relevant information from ONUCIDI, and actively participated in the global consultations on "The World We Want after 2015", with The World We Want Foundation, the United Nations Foundation, the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, the World Alliance for Citizen Participation, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations, UNESCO, the United Nations Children's Fund, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Indigenous Peoples' Centre for Documentation, Research and Information (doCip), UNDP and the French Development Agency, among others.

The organization is a member of Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL), a network with the goal of achieving sustainable energy for all. It has also joined the World Bank Group, The Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People, doCip, Global Age Watch, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Technologies and Practices for Small Agricultural Producers, the United Nations Environment Programme, Clean Energy Access, Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, Power-Gen Africa, BI Intelligence, Loomio, DataShift, Climate Reality Leadership Corps and Aspire Foundation, among others.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

No contribution was specified.

7. Association camerounaise pour la prise en charge de la personne âgée

Special, 2013

Introduction

The Association camerounaise pour la prise en charge de la personne âgée (ACAMAGE) (Cameroonian Association for the Care of the Elderly) takes care of the elderly in Cameroon.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's aim is to ensure older persons' well-being, and that older persons are able to live dignified lives. Its goals are to ensure the care of abandoned older persons and the provision of education and training, and to promote intergenerational solidarity, rights and health. ACAMAGE chairs the Cameroonian civil society organizations' committee for the monitoring and evaluation of implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization made a presentation on the abuse of older persons, on 28 May 2013 at the Congressional Palace in Yaoundé, Cameroon, and subsequently launched a project to protect the rights of older women and widows. On 29 May 2013, it made a donation of 150,000 CFA francs to the Simbok and Bethanie care homes; on 20 August 2014, it made a donation of warm clothing and food to Bethanie, as well as leading an educational discussion on hygiene at the home.

The organization has celebrated the internationals days for older persons. In 2013 ACAMAGE organized an educational discussion on the promotion of intergenerational solidarity and a demonstration on geriatric assessment at the Congressional Palace in Yaoundé, as well as conducting a visit and making a donation to elderly women in Mfou Women's Prison. In 2014 the organization held a workshop on the proposed convention on the rights of older persons at Maison Don Bosco, Yaoundé. In 2015 an educational discussion on older persons and the Sustainable Development Goals was held at the Yaoundé sports complex. In 2016, ACAMAGE made home visits to 20 disabled older persons who had been rescued from the street in Batoufam. Each year, the organization commemorates international World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on 15 June, by disseminating its publication "Fight elder abuse". It publishes *ACAMAGE Newsletter* and *ABC of Ages* respectively six times and twice a year.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the fourth session of the United Nations Open-ended Working Group on Ageing, which took place from 12 to15 August 2013, and in its seventh session, from 12–15 December 2016. It prepared written and oral statements and actively participated in the side events and morning briefings.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperates with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women to promote empowerment and prevent violence against older women in rural areas, and with the United Nations Open-ended Working Group on Ageing on the drafting of a convention on the rights of older persons.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

The organization has worked to further, inter alia, Sustainable Development Goals 3 (Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages) and 4 (Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all) through five series of donations, as well as donations of food products, and three vaccination campaigns. It continues to advance education and training with its publications *ACAMAGE Newsletter* and *ABC of Ages*.

8. Association d'aide à l'éducation de l'enfant handicapé

Special, 2013

Introduction

The Association d'aide à l'éducation de l'enfant handicapé is an NGO that promotes international solidarity to support the education of children with disabilities.

It operates in France and Cameroon.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization seeks to contribute to the achievement of education for all, including children with disabilities, through awareness-raising, advocacy and multifaceted support for education and the enrolment in school of children with disabilities. The organization is working for a world where all children with disabilities will have access to quality education, will remain in school until the end of a study cycle and will acquire the qualifications and skills needed for their empowerment.

The organization's mission is to promote the right to education for children with disabilities; to contribute to the achievement of quality education for all; and to empower persons with disabilities, particularly girls with disabilities, through education and training.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2013, the organization joined the Global Partnership on Children with Disabilities of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in order to expand its activities.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization's activities aim to ensure access to human rights for persons with disabilities under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (article 24), the Convention on the Rights of the Child (article 29) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs 2, 3 and 4). They are also part of a process to reduce inequalities between girls and boys in education systems and to empower women through education.

The organization raises awareness and advocates for education for children with disabilities, lobbies for the inclusion of disability in public policies, gives multifaceted support to school enrolment of children with disabilities, especially girls, and assists and supports families.

During the reporting period, the organization launched a project to support the school enrolment of girls with disabilities in Africa. The project aims to expand primary school access and participation by girls with disabilities. A pilot project is under way in Cameroon for the period 2015–2020. The project targets girls with disabilities, their families and the community.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization contributed to the preparation of the High-level Political Forum in 2016 and in 2013 endorsed statements in favour of the rights of persons with disabilities.

The organization participated as a panellist in the side event entitled "Operationalizing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for Women and Girls with Disabilities", jointly organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department for Economic and Social Affairs and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) at United Nations Headquarters, during the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York, United States of America, from 14 to 24 March 2016.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, the organization participated in the second Forum of the Global Partnership on Children with Disabilities, held in New York, United States, on 24 September 2013, and helped to set up the task force of the Global Partnership on Children with Disabilities (GPcwd, UNICEF) in 2013. The organization participated in and contributed as a member to the activities undertaken by the task forces on inclusive education, early childhood development and physical education of GPcwd UNICEF. The organization has contributed to and participated in the organization of workshops and international forums with the NGO group of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris, on the themes of literacy, early childhood and the role of women in combating poverty. The organization participated in the 2014 International Conference of NGOs, held from 15 to 17 December 2014, and the 2016 International Conference of NGOs, held from 12 to 14 December 2016 at UNESCO, Paris. The organization participated in the thirty-eighth session of the UNESCO General Conference held in November 2015 in Paris.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

The activities undertaken by the organization during the reporting period have focused on the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, including Goals 2 and 3, through advocacy, awareness-raising, mobilization, promotion of the education of persons with disabilities and empowerment of women.

9. Association internationale des médecins pour la promotion de l'éducation et de la santé en Afrique

Special, 2013

Introduction

The Association internationale des médecins pour la promotion de l'éducation et de la santé en Afrique is a humanitarian organization established on 19 January 2005 in Lomé. It is the leading African NGO specializing in humanitarian medicine and surgery and is present in 11 countries. It works in the areas of health, education and community development.

The organization has already conducted more than 500,000 specialized medical consultations and over 40,000 successful free surgical operations in rural and peri-urban areas and prisons for vulnerable segments of the population in Africa. Every year, it conducts between 1,500 and 2,500 free surgical operations and between 15,000 and 25,000 specialized medical consultations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization is to cultivate a sense of social responsibility and to promote volunteerism in the medical profession to provide health and education for all. Its vision is health and education for all in Africa. Its objectives are to organize medical training and research; to conduct free humanitarian medical and surgical missions; to combat communicable and non-communicable diseases; to promote health education through the mass media; to promote community development; and to mobilize human, material and financial resources.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has implemented 50 projects in its priority areas. It conducted training on volunteer service for medical professionals and on humanitarian medicine and medical research for health workers, journalists, local elected officials, community health workers and groups. The association also conducted free humanitarian medical and surgical mobile missions in rural, and peri-urban areas and prisons. It has established a fund to support care for serious curable diseases. It has produced programmes for the mass media and encouraged excellence in medical settings, promoted health education and conducted campaigns to counter communicable and non-communicable diseases. The organization launched a community development programme through the concept of 10 Villages de AIMES-Afrique, a mutual health insurance programme known as MUSA de AIMES-Afrique, and cultural and sports activities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AIMES-Afrique participated in world days to address diseases (diabetes, high blood pressure, leprosy, HIV/AIDS, etc.)

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization contacted the NGOs office of the Geneva Welcome Centre to find a headquarters to accommodate the organization's Swiss office and ensure its visibility at meetings held at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

AIMES-Afrique has initiated a project called Villages AIMES-Afrique aimed at the transformation of the rural economy in villages (Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 1). It constructed buildings and school canteens, raised awareness in rural areas of the importance of school enrolment and promoted excellence in schools (MDG 2). It has raised awareness among rural, peri-urban and prison populations of the importance of pre-natal check-ups, good practices in gynaecology and follow-up of mothers (MDG 4). It conducted an awareness-raising campaign and voluntary testing to combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and communicable and non-communicable diseases, as well as over 100 medical and surgical mobile humanitarian missions that saw nearly 100,000 medical consultations and 10,000 successful operations carried out (MDG 6). It has also launched a project to support sanitation in villages, neighbourhoods and schools (MDG 7).

10. Association mauritanienne pour la santé de la mère et de l'enfant

Special, 2005

Introduction

The Association mauritanienne pour la santé de la mère et de l'enfant is a non-governmental, non-political and non-profit organization officially recognized by the State. Its mission is to support vulnerable groups and promote the rights of women and children. It works in such fields as reproductive health rights, elimination of violence against women and children, human rights and continuous advocacy with policymakers. The core mission of the association remains the total elimination of violations of the rights of women and children at risk or in distress.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the organization are to ensure that all Mauritanian women and children enjoy all their rights to life, health, protection, education, employment and dignity; to contribute to the reduction of maternal and infant mortality; to help to combat HIV/AIDS; to contribute to the elimination of violence against women and children; to help to combat practices harmful to the health of girls and women; to promote the rights of women and children; and to encourage the leadership and economic empowerment of women.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2016, the association went through a major administrative and financial reorganization, based on a review and its past experiences. The governance of the organization has changed.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Over the four-year period, the association participated mainly in the international days relevant to women's and children's rights, namely International Women's Day, March 8. On that day, it raised women's awareness through the campaign of the Secretary-General of the United Nations entitled "UNiTE to End Violence against Women". It subsequently organized sit-ins to denounce acts of violence perpetrated against women, in remembrance of an 8-year old girl who was raped and murdered. The association produced radio and television programmes on violence against women. It also organized four press conferences on the protection of women and children against sexual violence and participated in the annual observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. The organization participates in the commemoration of this day by issuing statements concerning respect for the United Nations conventions ratified by Mauritania and their harmonization with domestic legislation. These annual statements are widely publicized in the national and international press. The association also participates annually in the United Nations Universal Children's Day, November 20, and the Day of the African Child, 16 March. On these days, activities are organized for children to participate in cultural and artistic events around the themes of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, non-violence, crime and terrorism prevention and the consequences of migration.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2014, the Association coordinated the preparation of the alternative Mauritanian NGO report on the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and subsequently

participated at a pre-session meeting prior to the fifty-eighth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women in July 2014. The Association chaired the NGO group, read out a statement on the rights of women and participated in a meeting with the Committee in the presence of its chairperson. In 2015, the Association participated in a Conference on Financing for Sustainable Development in Addis Ababa, as well as a pre-session meeting on the universal periodic review in Geneva. In 2016, the Association participated in the thirty-first session of the Human Rights Committee in Geneva, making a statement on the rights of women and children. The report of Mauritania on the universal periodic review was adopted during the session.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Association works in partnership with the United Nations agencies present in Mauritania. It participates in almost all the meetings involving civil society related to the planning of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework and other sectoral meetings. The Association implemented 30 projects including 14 that were funded by United Nations agencies, namely the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, the World Health Organization, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. These projects have focused on the elimination of gender-based violence and especially sexual violence, care for survivors, advocacy, prevention and awareness-raising, capacity-building and improvement of the legal framework.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

The Association works in fields related to Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 1, 2 and 3. In the context of MDG 3, it managed seven projects on the elimination of sexual violence in Mauritania, the promotion of female leadership and women's political participation and awareness of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women and of the withdrawal of the general reservation, and prepared a bill on violence against women and advocated for its adoption. The results are as follows: 2,000 women and girls dared to file complaints against aggressors, the proportion of women parliamentarians increased from 20 per cent to 22 per cent over the four-year period, and 20,100 women became more aware of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women and of their rights.

With regard to its contribution to the achievement of MDG 4, the Association implemented two projects, one to identify children with cleft lip and palate and another to raise awareness of early marriage issues. The first project provided surgical, psychological, orthodontological and nutritional care to 50 children with cleft lip and palate. The second project raised awareness among communities of early marriage and acted to annul 20 early marriages during the four-year period.

The Association has implemented two projects that contribute to MDG 5. The first, related to women's access to obstetric packages, concerns capacity-building for health workers and has established a pool of communicators on the issue, as well as raised awareness among women of the importance of obstetric packages in the most isolated rural areas where mortality rates were the highest. As part of its project to improve maternal and newborn health, the Association trained contact points, health workers and teachers and provided follow-up care to women from pregnancy through to delivery, and raised awareness of the prevention of mother-to-child transmission, family planning, blood donation and breastfeeding.

11. Association of African Women for Research and Development

Special, 1985

Introduction

The Association of African Women for Research and Development is a pan-African NGO established in 1977 by a group of African women for women researchers, development actors and decision makers. It has nearly 1,000 members in 20 African countries and in the diaspora in Europe and the United States of America. The Association was granted consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in 1985.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's aims are to analyse and transform gender relations and social conditions in Africa; build a powerful movement of African women combining human rights with the theory and practice of development; and promote the contribution of African women to sustainable and democratic development. The organization also aims to strengthen the capacity of African women to conduct research and disseminate their results; help decision makers to design and formulate gender-sensitive policies focused on the needs of local people; and develop advocacy strategies and instruments that enable African women to access decision-making centres, assert their social and political rights and contribute in a meaningful way to the democratic process in their countries.

Significant changes in the organization

The Association has four new national branches, in Côte d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association held a workshop to share the findings of a study entitled "The policies of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and their impact on women who work in the agriculture sector in Africa". It ran a training course for national organizations of young researchers on the impact of WTO policies and economic partnership agreements on women who work in the agriculture sector. The Association carried out a baseline study entitled "The role and representation of women and young people in decision-making bodies in the context of the 2014 local elections in Senegal" and another study entitled "Improving the participation of women and young people in decentralized decision-making bodies to strengthen local democracy and poverty alleviation efforts in Senegal".

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Association participated in the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women, which was held from 4 to 15 March 2013 in New York. In the framework of the work of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), the Association led a delegation of 22 people with a view to influencing the intergovernmental mechanisms tasked with drafting final conclusions on the theme "Strengthening the participation of women's organizations in West Africa". At the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 10 to 21 March 2014 in New York, the Association, in partnership with the Association des Femmes Tunisiennes pour la Recherche et le Développement, Genre en Action and the International Council for Adult Education,

held a workshop entitled "Comparative views of gender disparities in the Millennium Development Goals: Views of Africa, Europe and the Americas".

The Association also took part in a training workshop for partners of UN-Women on project management rules and procedures, which was held on 3 and 4 July 2014 at the UN-Women office in Dakar, and attended the Ninth African Regional Conference on Women (20-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action), which was held from 17 to 19 October 2014 in Addis Ababa.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Association cooperated with the United Nations by:

- Partnering with the UN-Women Regional Office for West Africa to establish a programme entitled "Strengthening the participation of West African women's organizations in the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women by building bridges between stakeholders";
- Participating in a high-level panel for the African launch of the UN-Women report entitled "Progress of the World's Women", held on 8 June 2015 in Dakar.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

No activities were specified.

12. Association points-cœur

Special, 2005

Introduction

The Association points-cœur is an international Catholic NGO. Founded in 1990 in France, the Association currently has a presence in 26 countries and four continents. The work of the Association has two main goals: sending young volunteers to poor neighbourhoods to reach the most neglected and spreading a "culture of compassion", with a view to making people the focus of concern in all spheres of life. Free advice, shelter and friendship are the cornerstones of the Association's work.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association addresses isolation through a personal approach. In line with its holistic vision, its charity work is intended to have a positive emotional, material and educational impact on individuals. It encourages its members to make people the focus of all educational, artistic, political, economic and scientific activities. The Association's centres and residences — 21 houses and two villages — are open to all in an effort to end the exclusion of the most marginalized individuals.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association aims to support those most in need. Its work falls into three categories: offering shelter, encouragement and support. By being present and

lending a sympathetic ear, the Association helps to give have-nots back their dignity. In practical terms, such support consists of looking after children, visiting the elderly and people in hospital, holding events for young people, assembling sports teams, organizing cookery classes and providing academic support, among other activities. Through its work, the Association promotes education and development and contributes to the reduction of poverty and exclusion, as prioritized in Sustainable Development Goals 1, 3, 4 and 10, which seek to promote empowerment, equality and quality of life.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Association works in five main areas: the right to family life, the right to development, the right to education, human rights education and the right to international solidarity. The work of the Association revolves around the sessions of the Human Rights Council. As a member of several working groups, the Association contributes to discussions and to the promotion and clarification of the above-mentioned rights through various side events and oral and written statements (joint statements). In addition, it monitors debates and decisions within the various organs of the United Nations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

To give one example, the Association worked with the previous Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity, helping her with her reports and the draft declaration. An event was held in connection with the thirty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council, at which the Expert presented her last report to representatives of Member States, international organizations and civil society. The Association's activities should be seen against the background of its involvement in the Catholic-inspired NGO working group on the right to international solidarity.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

No activities were specified.

13. Association pour l'action sociale et le développement

Special, 2009

Introduction

The Association pour l'action sociale et le développement aims to maintain solidarity mechanisms for the benefit of the population and is convinced that every individual should participate in accordance with his or her financial, moral and physical abilities and should receive assistance according to his or her needs. It seeks to ensure that everyone has access to quality care, regardless of age, gender, medical status, income or any other social, professional, religious or ethnic criteria.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association aims to promote: the profile of women, female empowerment, the involvement of women in civil and social life, mutual aid and solidarity, assistance and community spirit; urban and local social development of communities through education, training, culture, sport, social integration, cultural mediation, medical and humanitarian aid and by looking after orphans, young persons with disabilities and disadvantaged children; sustainable development by promoting and financing microprojects, informal sector work and the participation

of women and young people in the development of their own villages, towns and countries and the environment and by combating crime, exclusion, violence, illiteracy, AIDS, famine, sexually transmitted diseases and other problems; and the exchange of ideas and group dynamics.

Significant changes in the organization

The Association has established a branch in Europe, with a regional office in Limoges, France, with a view to expanding the activities of the Association.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association has contributed to the work of the United Nations in the following ways:

- It contributed to the United Nations World Water Development Report 2016;
- It participated in the discussions with civil society organizations regarding the final report of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on its twenty-first session, held in Paris from 30 November to 13 December 2015 (FCCC/CP/2015/10);
- It contributed to the final report of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption on its sixth session, held in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, from 2 to 6 November 2015 (CAC/COSP/2015/10); and
- It contributed to the civil society declaration at the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, held in 2016.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Association has participated in the following meetings:

- Sixth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, held in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, from 2 to 6 November 2015;
- Twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Paris from 30 November to 13 December 2015
- Thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, held in Cancún, Mexico, from 4 to 17 December 2016.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The Association has worked with the Cameroon country offices of UN-Women, UNICEF and UNDP to, respectively, establish a centre that provides medical assistance and support for social integration; help girl victims of human trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation; and bring electrical power to rural areas to help disadvantaged communities in Doumé, Cameroon.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

Together with its partners and local communities, the Association is working on the ground to design, develop and establish two new development programmes to help women, young people and children. The programmes each have themes and are being rolled out in the various regions depending on the resources, needs and

requirements of the target communities. The programmes are explained in more detail below.

ENERPRO (Environment, Renewable Energy and Hygiene) is intended to raise public awareness of environmental issues, renewable energy (such as solar panels and wind turbines) and waste processing. As part of the programme, local organizations are being established to encourage the public to collect, sort and transport waste to anaerobic digestion plants located in peri-urban and rural areas, which will produce energy in the form of biogas. DEVILA (Development and Local and Artisan Entrepreneurship) helps to establish very small businesses, support microprojects and village savings associations, and show women who work in the informal sector how to develop their businesses and increase profits and artisans how to promote their goods.

The Association has established a medical and social integration centre where women and girls who are victims of human trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation can receive help and support finding employment. It has also rolled out a rural electrification project to help disadvantaged communities in Doumé.

14. Association pour la promotion de la lutte contre les violences faites aux femmes et la participation au développement de la femme africaine

Special, 2013

Introduction

The Association pour la promotion de la lutte contre les violences faites aux femmes et la participation au développement de la femme africaine is a group of women and girls (primarily victims of violence) working every day in partnership with men and boys to eradicate all forms of violence against women and girls without distinction. Activities undertaken to combat that scourge include prevention, sheltering and supporting victims, denouncing perpetrators — following investigation — and protesting against impunity for perpetrators of violence against women. The Association is active throughout the country and aims to expand its activities across Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The activities of the organization aim to prevent violence, assist victims and ensure that there is no impunity for perpetrators of violence against women and girls. The prevention activities aim to raise awareness of the disastrous consequences of violence against women at home, in their immediate environment and in society at large. These activities include mobilizing men through awareness-raising campaigns; educating women who are victims of or exposed to violence; helping women find information about their fundamental rights and autonomy; helping women receive training, with a view to promoting their human development and economic empowerment; preparing future spouses, where there is a need; and changing the dynamics of existing households to reduce violence against women as much as possible. The Association also has a welcome-listen-protect component, combined with care if necessary, and support for victims of violence until they have fully recovered.

Significant changes in the organization.

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has contributed to the work of the United Nations through the following activities:

- Economic empowerment training and assistance for 195 women (computer graphics training for teenage mothers and support and follow-up for women involved in fish smoking and braising).
- Support for the schooling of young daughters of abandoned teenage mothers.
- Work with men and boys to promote gender equality.
- Increase in the number of awareness-raising campaigns on various subjects related to women's empowerment, gender equality, the promotion of harmony at home and in society and the schooling of young girls, including the themes of the United Nations international days.
- Presentation of a socio-legal clinic at the Open Doors days held during the 16 days of activism against violence against women. The Open Doors days were organized by the Ministry for the Promotion of Women and the Family of the Littoral Region.
- Participation in the United Nations Orange the World campaign to engage the community in ending violence against women.
- Involvement in online interactive debates organized by United Nations bodies and in written statements on various subjects covered by the conferences on social development and the Commission on the Status of Women, and also on issues such as disarmament.
- Participation in the "World Wide Views on Climate and Energy" conference held in June 2015 in Yaoundé, Cameroon, which was initiated by the United Nations in partnership with other organizations ahead of the twenty-first Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- Production, in collaboration with two other organizations, of a declaration on climate change entitled "Douala call on climate change", on the theme "Fighting for the climate: Let us sow together the seeds of our future", which was distributed in December 2015.
- In its capacity as a member of the Cameroonian human rights networks, the Association carried out research on the human rights situation with regard to the forced evictions from squatter settlements in Douala, Cameroon, and delivered an outcome in the form of a press briefing on 17 March 2016 at the Hotel Lumière in Doula.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization is cooperating with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women through online training on gender equality.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's activities are focused on achieving the Millennium Development Goals by supporting women's empowerment and the broader development programme through awareness-raising, mobilization, promotion of women's rights and training.

15. Association sénégalaise pour la promotion des énergies renouvelables "KokkiEnergie"

Special, 2013

Introduction

Poverty and environmental degradation go hand in hand, and each of those phenomena can become a cause of the other. If the global population reaches 10 billion in 2050, which would include almost 2 billion in Africa, demands and needs will also increase. This situation makes it necessary to immediately adopt practices consistent with the rational use of natural resources and to make combating poverty and preserving the environment a priority. The Association sénégalaise pour la promotion des énergies renouvelables was created in that context.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization are to bring together those seeking to achieve the same goal as members of an extensive network of voluntary humanitarian action to combat poverty in Senegal and around the world, promote the use of renewable energy in all development sectors, reduce the high consumer dependence on expensive industrial energy, help communities to access low-cost electricity, promote sustainable development, renewable energy and the environment, promote healthy agriculture, and eradicate poverty.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization contributed to exchanges of ideas that could further the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

The initiatives undertaken focus on the following three areas:

- Promotion of renewable energy
- Gender equality and involvement of women in sustainable development
- The development of a partnership for sustainable development.

The Association has made a large part of the population and public and political decision-makers aware that it is essential to involve the most vulnerable populations in environmental protection policies. Adhering to the principle of joint responsibility through the development of participatory projects presents a challenge. As part of its efforts to help empower women, the Association has established and trained a community of 60 women in the village of Keur Yaba Diop as an economic interest group. They have received financing through a market gardening project run by Groupe de Recherche et d'Etudes Environnementales (GREEN Sénégal). The project, which involves 60 plots of land and runs year-round, enables the women in the group to cultivate onions, tomatoes and hibiscus from January to June.